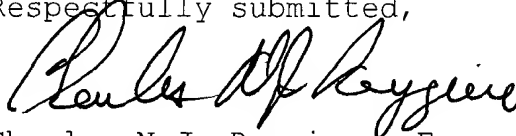


REMARKS

Claims 7 to 12 are pending in this application. Original claims 1-6 have been canceled. Applicants have rewritten the original claims to remove any multiple dependencies and references to the drawings.

Respectfully submitted,



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